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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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II. Copies of Listed References

This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.

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All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the search report issued by the European Patent Office, and an English-language version of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, is attached.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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